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Hatam language

Hatam (also spelled *Hattam*, *Atam*) is a divergent language of New Guinea. Apart from Mansim (Borai), formerly listed as a dialect, it is not closely related to any other language, and though Ross (2005) tentatively assigned it to the West Papuan languages, based on similarities in pronouns, *Ethnologue* and *Glottolog* list it as a language isolate[1] or small independent family.[2]

Hatam	
Native to	Papua
Region	Eastern Bird's Head
Native speakers	(16,000 cited 1993)[1]
Language family	West Papuan ▪ East Bird's Head (?) ▪ Hatam–Mansim ▪ **Hatam**
Dialects	Moi (Moire) Tinam Miriei Adihup Uran
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`had`
Glottolog	`hata1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/hata1243)`[2]

Phonology

The phonology of the Hatam language is listed below. In free form, both consonant and vowel phonemes can range to different sounds.[3]

Coordinates: 1.14°S 134.04°E

Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	**voiceless**	p	t	c	k	
	voiced	b	d	ɟ	g	
	geminated	pː	tː		kː	
Nasal	**voiced**	m	n	ɲ	ŋ	
	geminated	mː	nː			
Fricative			s			h
Liquid			ɾ			
Approximant		w		j		

Phoneme	Allophones
/p/	[p, pʰ, pɸ, ɸ]
/t/	[t, tʰ]
/c/	[c, cʰ]
/k/	[k, kʰ, kx]
/g/	[g, k, gː]
/ɟ/	[ɟ, ɟː]
/d/	[d, t]
/b/	[b, p, bː]
/ɾ/	[ɾ, l, lː]

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	ɛ		ɔ
Open		a	

Phoneme	Allophones
/i/	[i, ɪ, ə]
/ɛ/	[ɛ, e]
/a/	[ä, a, ɐ]
/ɔ/	[ɔ, o]

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